

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 23 Oct 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 24 Oct 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 22 Oct 2020 at 15:59 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled conditions over next five days with showery, windy weather.

Headline for Friday 23 Oct 2020: Early rain soon giving way to sunny spells and scattered showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 23 Oct 2020

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Light rain showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
30%	50%	50%	20%	40%	40%	30%	20%

Forecast for Friday 23 Oct 2020

Weather: Cloudy with rain, heavy at first, soon clearing eastwards on Friday morning. Drier, brighter weather following with scattered showers. The showers mostly affecting hills near to the West Coast with the odd heavier one possible, wintry on highest peaks.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% at first, improving 70% during morning. Extensive cloud cover down around 600M lifting and breaking up during the morning.

Visibility: Misty conditions at first but poor in persistent precipitation. Visibility improving good during the morning with brief reductions in the afternoon as showers pass by.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	33/40 S	36/45 S	32/40 S	27/35 SW	28/38 SW	25/35 SW	24/32 SW	25/33 S	33/43 S
900	30/37 S	33/42 S	29/38 S	26/34 SW	27/37 SW	23/33 SW	22/30 SW	23/31 S	30/41 S
600	20/27 S	24/33 S	20/28 S	17/25 SW	19/29 SW	17/26 SW	15/23 SW	16/24 S	21/32 S
300	4/23 S	7/31 S	7/28 S	5/24 SW	9/28 SW	6/25 SW	6/21 SW	6/21 S	8/29 S
Glen	11/25 S	15/31 S	13/27 S	9/22 SW	11/23 SW	10/22 SW	8/19 SW	10/23 S	13/30 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-7	1/-7	1/-6	1/-6	1/-7	0/-7	-0/-7	-0/-7	-0/-8
900	1/-6	2/-6	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	1/-5	1/-6	1/-6	1/-7
600	4/-2	4/-2	4/-1	4/-1	4/-1	4/-1	3/-2	3/-2	3/-3
300	6/4	6/4	6/4	6/5	7/4	6/4	5/3	5/3	5/2
Glen	8/6	8/5	9/6	9/6	10/7	9/7	8/6	8/5	8/5
Freezing Level*	1200m	1300m	1300m	1100m	1100m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling bitterly cold over higher ridges/summits due to combination of strong winds and temperatures close to freezing.

Forecast for Saturday 24 Oct 2020

Weather: Cloudy morning with outbreaks of rain and extensive hill fog. Brighter afternoon with sunny intervals and blustery showers, some heavy and turning wintry on highest peaks. Feeling bitterly cold on higher ridges and summits.

Maximum wind: Severe gale force southerly winds, even storm force on the tops at first, average speeds of 50mph with gusts 70 to 80mph. Winds becoming southwesterly in afternoon and easing a little.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Very little chance in the morning with clouds well down the hills. Chances improving to 50% in afternoon with occasional cloud cover about 600 to 700m, briefly extensive as showers come along.

Visibility: Poor visibility, even very poor in heavier rain with navigational difficulties. Visibility will become good in afternoon away from showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 Celsius rising to 11 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1300M lowering to 1100m.